



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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IN REPLY PLEASE

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION PROJECTS  
INDIANA STREET AT PERCY STREET  
INDIANA STREET AT CESAR E. CHAVEZ AVENUE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES-COUNTY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the project to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Indiana Street at Cesar E. Chavez Avenue is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, concur with the City of Los Angeles' finding that the project to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Indiana Street at Percy Street is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, and find that these actions reflect the independent judgment of the County.
2. Authorize the Interim Director of Public Works, or his designee, to prepare and approve a cooperative agreement with the City of Los Angeles that provides for the City to perform preliminary engineering, construction inspection and engineering, contract administration, and all other work necessary to complete the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Indiana Street at Percy Street. It also provides for the County to perform preliminary engineering, construction inspection and engineering, contract administration, and all other work necessary to complete the

installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Indiana Street at Cesar E. Chavez Avenue. The agreement will also provide for the City and the County to finance their respective jurisdictional share with the total cost of both traffic signals estimated to be \$381,000 with the City's share being \$225,000 and the County's share being \$156,000. Funding for the County's share of these traffic signals is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Public Works Road Fund Budget.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The City of Los Angeles has determined that the high pedestrian volume and traffic conditions at the intersection of Indiana Street at Percy Street warrant the construction of traffic signals. This intersection is jurisdictionally split between the City and the County. It is estimated that the signals will cost \$126,000 with the City's share being \$63,000 and the County's share being \$63,000.

The County has determined that the high pedestrian volume and traffic conditions at the intersection of Indiana Street at Cesar E. Chavez Avenue warrants the construction of traffic signals. This intersection is jurisdictionally split between the City and the County. It is estimated that the signal will cost \$255,000 with the City's share being \$162,000 and the County's share being \$93,000.

The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation, as the lead agency for the installation of the traffic signal at Indiana Street at Percy Street, has scheduled work to begin in January 2005 and become operational in March 2005. The County, as the lead agency for the installation of the traffic signal at Indiana Street at Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, has scheduled it to become operational in June 2006.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations are consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Children and Families' Well-Being as the implementation of this project will result in enhanced traffic and pedestrian safety, thus, improving the overall quality of life for the residents of the County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total cost of the project is currently estimated to be \$381,000 with the City's share being \$225,000 and the County's share being \$156,000. Funding for the County's share of these traffic signals is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Public Works Road Fund Budget.

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### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

A standard cooperative agreement, which will be approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used for this project.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their actions. The recommended findings are in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and are required prior to your Board's approval of the recommended action.

The City of Los Angeles, as the lead agency for the Indiana Street at Percy Street project, has found that installation of a traffic signal at the intersection to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

The Indiana Street at Cesar E. Chavez Avenue project for which the County is the lead agency is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1(x) 5, 14, and 22 of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The installation of traffic signals at the two intersections will enhance the movement of traffic in the area.

### **CONCLUSION**

At such time as this recommendation is approved, please return one copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Interim Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office, County Counsel